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# DEATH OF KING GEORGE VI

## PEACEFULLY IN SLEEP AT SANDRINGHAM

### LAST WALK IN GROUNDS ON PREVIOUS EVENING

## NEW QUEEN FLYING HOME: IN LONDON TO-DAY

### PROCLAMATION TO-MORROW: PRIME MINISTER ON RADIO TO-NIGHT

**HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE VI DIED IN HIS SLEEP AT SANDRINGHAM HOUSE IN THE EARLY HOURS OF YESTERDAY MORNING. A SERVANT FOUND HIM DEAD IN BED AT 7.30 A.M. AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SANDRINGHAM, REPEATED IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE LONDON GAZETTE LAST NIGHT, SAID:**

The King, who retired last night in his usual health, passed peacefully away in his sleep early this morning.

Princess Elizabeth, who immediately became Queen, was informed of her father's death while she was at the Royal hunting lodge near Nyeri in Kenya. A thunderstorm delayed for two hours the departure of the plane which is to bring her to London, where she is expected at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

The Accession Council, which consists of members of the Privy Council summoned with others, "notables of the Realm" such as the Lord Mayor of London, to act on the demise of the Crown, met at 5 p.m. yesterday to decide on the accession proclamation. This will be read at 11 a.m. to-morrow at St. James's Palace, at Temple Bar and on the steps of the Royal Exchange in the City.

The Queen, who is 25, is expected to take the Royal oath before a second meeting of the Council to-day. She was proclaimed Queen Elizabeth II of Canada in Ottawa yesterday. Prince Charles automatically becomes Duke of Cornwall.

**Mr. Churchill will broadcast on all B.B.C. wavelengths at 9 o'clock to-night for 15 minutes.**

### *OUT SHOOTING ON PREVIOUS DAY*

The King, who was 56 and in the 16th year of his reign, was born at Sandringham. During what proved to be his last stay there he was out shooting on Tuesday morning and afternoon, and appeared to be in good health. In the evening he walked in the grounds.

The Queen-Mother and Princess Margaret accompanied him when he went to Sandringham last Friday. On the previous day he had gone to London Airport to see his elder daughter and the Duke of Edinburgh leave for Nairobi.

Queen Mary was informed at Marlborough House of her son's death. The Duke of Gloucester, who was at his home at Barnwell Manor, Northants, went to Sandringham on hearing the news. The Princess Royal was told at St. James's Palace. The Duchess of Kent returned from Germany last night and the Duke of Windsor leaves New York in the Queen Mary to-day.

The Prime Minister and Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, Home Secretary, were given the news by telephone. A Cabinet meeting was held. The House of Commons and the House of Lords met formally for two minutes and adjourned until after the Accession Council, when M.P.s and Peers began to take the Oath of Allegiance to the new monarch. The two Chambers are expected to meet on Monday for addresses of condolence and then adjourn until Feb. 19.

Subject to the wishes of the new Queen the body of King George will lie in state in Westminster Hall from Monday until the funeral, the date for which has not yet been fixed. Carpenters at Sandringham finished making the coffin of oak from the estate last night.

### *CINEMAS AND THEATRES CLOSED*

The effect of the news from Sandringham was felt immediately throughout the nation. All cinemas were closed and the Lord Chamberlain directed that theatres should be shut for the day and also on the day of the funeral of the King. B.B.C. programmes were cancelled except for news bulletins. There will be a restricted programme from to-day until after the funeral. The Stock Exchange and Lloyd's closed, courts adjourned and a number of public dinners and other functions were postponed. Flags in every town were at half-mast.

All sport stopped except for the four Football Association Cup-ties. Saturday's Rugby Union International between England and Ireland at Twickenham has been postponed. Football League and Rugby League fixtures will be played as arranged. National Hunt racing was suspended.

As soon as the news became known a crowd began to gather outside Buckingham Palace, and was there until late at night. Ambassadors were calling throughout the day to sign the visitors' book as an official expression of their sorrow, and messages of sympathy flowed in from every quarter.

Mr. Churchill issued a statement from 10, Downing Street last night asking that there should be no public gathering at London Airport when the Queen arrives from Kenya.

A recent portrait of his Majesty King George VI.

## LYING-IN-STATE ON MONDAY

### PARLIAMENT TO SEND CONDOLENCES

By Our POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Parliament is expected to meet on Monday for addresses of condolence to Queen Elizabeth and the Royal Family on the death of King George VI to be moved in both houses. Lords and Commons will then adjourn until Tuesday week, Feb. 19.

The body of the King will lie in state in Westminster Hall from Monday until the day fixed for the funeral. These arrangements are provisional until the Queen's wishes regarding her father's funeral are made known on her return.

Meanwhile, members of the House of Commons will take the oath to the Queen. Swearing in began last night and will continue to-day and to-morrow. [Report—P7.]

**GOVERNMENTS CARRY ON**

The Government and the Governments of Commonwealth countries all continue in office under the Demise of the Crown Act, 1901. This laid down that the position of all who held office under the Crown would not be affected by the Monarch's death.

No seals will be surrendered or letters patent cancelled. But Ministers will kiss hands and take the oath to the new Sovereign.

Parliament itself continues in being until the end of its normal term or until dissolved by the new Sovereign under the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1867.

The provisions of the Civil List remain in operation for a further six months. A Bill to provide for a new Civil List will certainly be brought forward by the Government in the near future. Present legislation provides for an income of £470,000 a year for the Queen Consort on the King's death.

Prince Charles has automatically become Duke of Cornwall on the death of his grandfather. He will eventually be created Prince of

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## RETURN OF QUEEN: PREMIER'S PLEA

The following announcement was issued from 10, Downing Street last night:

"The Prime Minister feels that it would be in accordance with the wishes of the public that the return of the Queen to London should be as quiet as possible and that her Majesty should be met only by those whose official positions make it appropriate for them to be present at the airport.

"It is accordingly hoped that there will be no public gathering at London Airport to-morrow afternoon."

## LATE NEWS

### INVITATION FROM DR. MOSSADEQ

**Teheran, Wednesday. — Dr. Mossadeq, the Persian Prime Minister, cabled an invitation to-day to Mr. Robert Garner, Vice-President of the International Bank, to stay in Teheran as his guest. The arrival of Mr. Garner in Teheran within the next fortnight is expected to bring to the fore discussions on the future of Persia's nationalised oil industry. — Reuter.**

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## 7.30 a.m. DISCOVERY BY SANDRINGHAM SERVANT

*FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT*

SANDRINGHAM, Wednesday

The King was found dead in his bed at Sandringham House at 7.30 this morning. He had died as he slept peacefully during the night.

A short while before he retired after a family dinner party last night the King took a last walk in the grounds. He admired the calm and quiet of the evening and was looking forward to a day's shooting to-day.

A servant, who carried in his usual morning cup of tea, found his master dead. Immediately his valet, Smith, was summoned.

Mr. Malcolm was told. A message was sent calling Dr. Adam, in the village of Wolferton, here to see the King.

The village doctor drove along the road that winds through the Royal estate, flanked on either side by the brown withered ferns through which less than 24 hours earlier the King had himself walked. He was taken to the King's room. There was nothing he could do.

**NO BLINDS DRAWN**

No blinds were drawn over the windows of this favourite home of the King. The smoke from the first fires flung into the morning air. No announcement was yet made on the wrought-iron gates at the end of the main drive.

Carpenters on the estate worked all day and finished making the coffin to-night. It is constructed of seasoned oak from the King's estate. It is thought probable that the King's body will be taken to Sandringham Church on Monday.

In the district near the estate where the King was beloved more so, maybe than monarch people were talking about their everyday tasks. Gamekeepers prepared for a day's shooting with the King and a party.

The first news that many had of his death was when they heard the sombre announcement on the wireless. To-night in the clusters of houses spread over the estate and in the villages they still feel a sense of shock.

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## ROYAL FAMILY CANCEL PLANS

### DUCHESS FLIES HOME

The news was conveyed to Queen Mary at Marlborough House some time before the official announcement was made. "It came as a great shock to her," said a member of her staff.

It is understood that Queen Mary will remain in her own home. She will not undertake the journey to Sandringham.

The Princess Royal, in her apartments in St. James's Palace, was told by telephone from Sandringham Palace. Her visit to Switzerland, which she had planned following an attack of sinusitis, has been cancelled.

A visit to London was cancelled by the Duke of Gloucester when he was on the point of leaving Barnwell Manor, Northamptonshire. He made arrangements to journey at once to Sandringham.

Returning from a visit to Munich, the Duchess of Kent arrived at Northolt airport last night. Her son, the 16-year-old Duke of Kent, is expected back from his Swiss school in Gstaad within a day or two. Princess Alexandra, her daughter, was told the news at Deaconess House, Ascot.

## MEDICAL VIEWS ON CAUSE OF DEATH

By our MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

Comfort must be taken by the Royal family and nation that his Majesty died in his sleep without pain.

Lumbar sympathectomy performed three years ago for circulatory failure in his leg gave evidence of arterial disease and it is probable that the main artery of the body, the aorta, and the branches given off from the heart, called the coronary arteries, were also diseased, hardened and narrowed.

This condition can cause the coronary arteries to contract, sometimes with spasm the heart. Death is then taken to sometimes instantaneous and painless.

Looking back we can have the interesting course of the King's illness which resulted in recovery. The same structural changes probably a malignant growth reported as being in the lung can occur in the brain as a secondary complication. Such changes are often without symptoms until a fatal haemorrhage or clotting reveals their presence.

**OTHER POSSIBILITY**

It is possible that such a trouble may have been the actual cause of death. Another possible cause is clotting in the pulmonary circulation, a complication of medicine more usually met in the immediate post-operative period.

All these conditions are sudden, and though recognised, the date or the fact that they will occur cannot be foreseen.

It is certain that the recent activities of the King have in no way hastened his death. His medical advisers, of course, would be well aware of all the possibilities, but doubtless have discussed them at Princess Elizabeth would not have started her journey.

### BISHOP OF NORWICH

The Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Fisher) is in bed with bronchitis and unable to attend the meetings of the Privy Council. A statement from Lambeth Palace said that the Bishop of Norwich (Dr. Herbert), as Clerk of the Closet, and Bishop of the diocese in which Sandringham is situated, is in touch with the Royal Family officially and personally.

### *To-day's Weather*

Drizzle, increasing in it rain in England and Wales. There will be some periods with drizzle, and patches of fog. Wind S.E. moderate, inland fresh in S.

Lowest temp. 32 F. Sunset: Wednesday, 4.31 p.m. Thursday, 4.32 p.m.

Outlook: Cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle. Temperature near normal.

Lighting-up time: Motorists are advised to use their headlights from 5.0 p.m. to 7.0 a.m.

Bright periods and showers. Fresh W. or S.W. Temperature near normal.

Outlook: Fresh or cold. Bright periods but also some showers. There may be a period of rain on S.W.

## ROYAL PLANE OVER SAHARA AT 3 a.m.

### UGANDA DEPARTURE HELD UP BY STORM

The Argonaut airliner Atalanta, in which the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are flying home from East Africa, was early to-day crossing across the Sudan for Libya. It was due at El Adem, Libyan desert airfield, at about 4 a.m.

After an hour's delay for refuelling the plane was taking off again for the last 1,800-mile lap of the journey and was expected to arrive at London Airport about 4.30 p.m. to-day.

A tropical thunderstorm delayed the departure of the Atalanta from Entebbe (Uganda) for more than two hours. The Royal party had flown from Nanyuki, 40 miles from the shooting lodge at Nyeri, Kenya, to board the big airliner.

The Queen was wearing a tailored dress as she walked out in the shade. After the royal party had been removed from the aircraft there was a further delay and it was two minutes before it left.

At 3 a.m. the Royal plane was over the Eastern Sahara, 100 miles N.W. of Wadi Halfa, where the airport guard of 300 Arabs, armed with rifles, stood to attention as it flew over. There was no stop, it was reported, the plane and was about 1,450 miles from London.

An R.A.F. Lancaster aircraft carrying an authentic Royal Standard flew out to meet the plane in order to place it over the Mediterranean and the Channel coast.

At Malta airfield the crew of R.A.F. planes are standing by with rescue equipment. Last night Sir Arthur Benson, official Royal Air Mission, said that arrangements for an air escort were unfinished. It is announced to-day that Prince Georgios, Regent of Egypt, will be acting as an escort, flying over the Mediterranean, it would

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## NEWS BROKEN BY DUKE

### QUEEN'S FORTITUDE

From FRANK BARRETT

Daily Telegraph Special Correspondent

NYERI, Kenya, Wednesday

News that the King had become Queen came to Princess Elizabeth at Sagana Lodge, the shooting gift house here to which she and her husband were spending a brief holiday.

The news of the King's death was broken to her by the Duke of Edinburgh. She stood it bravely, "like a Queen," it was stated.

First news of the death came from Mr. Cecil Roberts, correspondent of the East African Standard, who was at North Kinangop, the nearest village to the Lodge. Mr. Roberts suggested to Mr. Chanteris, the Provincial Commissioner, and then telephoned the news to Sir Cecil Parker, the Duke of Edinburgh's equerry, at the Lodge. Mr. Chanteris suggested to Mr. Roberts that he should inform the Princess.

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### FUNERAL ESCORT & BEARER PARTY

The King's Company of the 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards, stationed at Windsor, has received orders to stand by as an Escort and Bearer Party.

Men stationed in Windsor and nearby will be kept on account, and men will be sent in motor coaches to the barracks in the whole of the journey from Sandringham to Windsor.

## PROCLAMATION AS QUEEN ELIZABETH II

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### To-day's Supplement

With this issue The Daily Telegraph presents an eight-page Memorial Supplement on the life of King George VI and his Queen, and of the new Queen.

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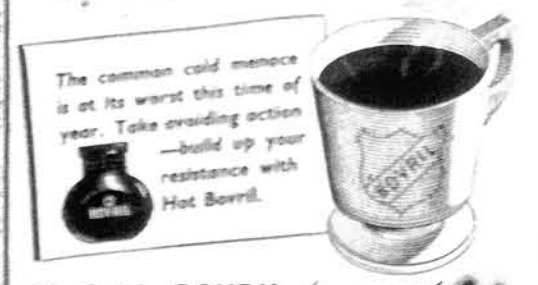


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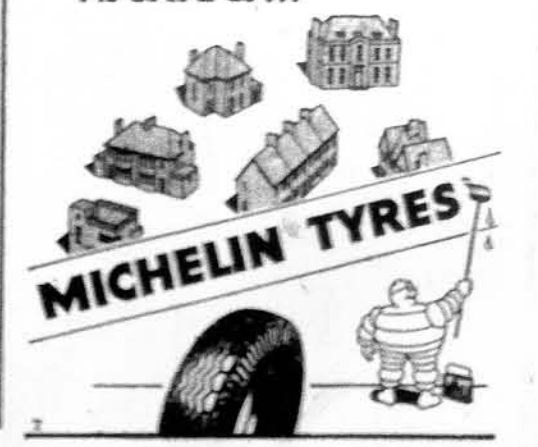
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